

## **Are Perfins Necessary Today?** – Bulletin 335/24, 336/11, 337/13

**Rosemary Smith** has now received a reply from the Post Office Customer Services in Edinburgh. I quote directly from the letter:

*The Royal Mail will repurchase unused stamps, including “perfins” that have been purchased for postage stamps. No smaller amount*

*than £1.00 will be accepted. A charge of 15% of the face value is made towards administration costs. Applications should be sent to*

*Royal Mail Stamp Repurchase (Returns)  
Tallents House  
21 South Gyle Crescent  
EDINBURGH  
EH12 9 PE*

This was hardly the reply that Rosemary had been expecting! In her letter to the Royal Mail she went to great lengths to explain what perfins are so that there could be little area of doubt. Enclosed with the letter from the Royal Mail was an application form for repurchasing, interestingly dated October 1992. So you get the impression that this service is rarely used. **Paul North** who originally raised this issue for discussion, decided to test the system to see if it's still operational. He sent off 4 x 40p regular stamps to Edinburgh with the application form and has received a cheque for £1-36. So rebates are still available after all.

The next step in this saga will be to try and get a rebate on perfins – watch this space for what happens next.